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**US-VA GOVERNMENT – THE UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP TEST**

**Individual Liberties Guaranteed in the First Amendment:**

* Freedom of Speech
* Freedom of Religion
* Freedom of Assembly
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**\_\_\_\_\_1. What is the “supreme law of the land” in the United States?**

A. United Nations international law

B. The Articles of Confederation

C. The US Constitution

D. The Albany Plan of Unin

**\_\_\_\_\_2. What does the Constitution do?**

A. sets up the federal government

B. sets up state governments

C. guarantees democracy in all every

branch of the federal government.

D. all of the above.

**\_\_\_\_\_3. What are the first words of the US Constitution, in which the idea of self-government is articulated?**

A. “When in the course of human

events…”

B. “Four score and seven years ago…”

C. “We the People…”

D. “Congress shall make no law

respecting an establishment of religion…”

**\_\_\_\_\_4. The term used to describe a change or an addition to the Constitution is –**

A. recalibration

B. prohibition

C. amendment

D. reform

**\_\_\_\_\_5. The first ten amendments to the Constitution are called –**

A. The Declaration of Rights

B. The Articles of Confederation

C. The Bill of Rights

D. The Statute of Religious Freedom

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**\_\_\_\_\_6. Which of the following liberties completes the list?**

A. the right to bear arms

B. the right to a jury trial

C. freedom of the press

D. freedom from self-incrimination

**\_\_\_\_\_7. How many amendments to the United States Constitution have been ratified since 1788?**

A. ten (10)

B. fifteen (15)

C. twenty-seven (27)

D. thirty-three (33)

**\_\_\_\_\_8. In your own words, explain what the *Declaration of Independence* did:**

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**\_\_\_\_\_9. Identify all three “inalienable rights” all people are endowed with by their Creator, according to the *Declaration of Independence*:**

9A. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

9B. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

9C. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**\_\_\_\_\_10. What is meant by the expression “freedom of religion” in the United States?**

A. you can practice any religion you

choose.

B. you can practice no religion at all.

C. you are obliged to tolerate the

religious practices of others.

D. all of the above

**\_\_\_\_\_11. What is the economic system of the United States of America?**

A. free market

B. capitalist

C. mixed

D. socialist

E. communist

**Characteristics of American Government:**

* Everyone must follow the law.
* Leaders must obey the law.
* Government must obey the law.
* No one is above the law.

**\_\_\_\_\_12. What characteristic of American government is describe by all of the statements in the text box above?**

A. separation of powers

B. checks and balances

C. freedom of speech

D. the rule of law

**\_\_\_\_\_13. Which of the following *IS NOT* a branch of the United States government?**

A. Congress

B. The Presidency

C. Supreme Court

D. The Media

**\_\_\_\_\_14. What stops one branch of the government from becoming too powerful?**

A. checks and balances

B. federal law

C. executive orders of the President

D. the Supreme Court

**\_\_\_\_\_15. Who is in charge of the executive branch?**

A. The Congress

B. The President of the United States

C. The Supreme Court

D. The United States Military

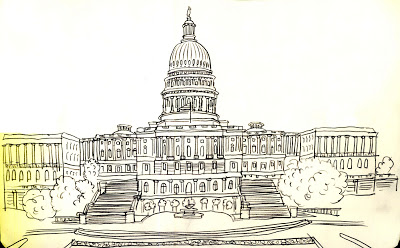
**\_\_\_\_\_16. Which group *DOES NOT* play any role in the creation of federal laws?**

A. the Congress

B. the state legislatures

C. The United States Senate

D. the President

**17. Name both houses of the Congress.** 

**\_\_\_\_\_18. How many members of the United Senate are there?**

A. 100

B. 200

C. 435

D. 500

**\_\_\_\_\_19. We elect a Senator for how many years?**

A. 2 years

B. 4 years

C. 6 years

D. 10 years

**20. Identify both Senators who currently represent the state of Virginia:**

20A. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

20B. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**\_\_\_\_\_21. The House of Representatives has how many voting members?**

A. 100

B. 250

C. 435

D. 500

**\_\_\_\_\_22. We elect a US Representative for how many years?**

A. 2 years

B. 4 years

C. 6 years

D. 10 years

**23. Name your US Representative in the 2nd District of Virginia.**

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**\_\_\_\_\_24. Who does a US Senator represent in Congress?**

A. half the population of his/her state.

B. the members of their district only.

C. the entire population of the state.

D. only the members of his/her party.

**\_\_\_\_\_25. Why do some states have more Representatives than other states?**

A. they have been in the Union longer.

B. population.

C. they own more property.

D. regional influence is rotated yearly.

**\_\_\_\_\_26. We elect a President for how many years?**

A 2 years

B 4 years

C. 8 years

D. 12 years

**\_\_\_\_\_27. In which month do we vote for President of the United States?**

A. May

B. January

C. November

D. July

**28. Identify the current President of the United States of America**:

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**\_\_\_\_\_ 29. If the President can no longer serve, who becomes President of the United States?**

A. The Speaker of the House

B. The President Pro Tempore of the

Senate

C. The Secretary of State

D. The Vice President

**30. Who is the Vice President of the United States of America now?**

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**\_\_\_\_\_31. If the President and the Vice President can no longer serve, who becomes the President next?**

A. The Speaker of the House

B. The President Pro Tempore of the

Senate

C. The Secretary of State

D. The Vice President

**\_\_\_\_\_32. The Commander-in-Chief of the United States Military is –**

A. The Joint Chiefs of Staff

B. The Secretary of Defense

C. The President

D. Congress

**\_\_\_\_\_33. Who signs bills to become laws?**

A. The Speaker of the House

B. The President

C. The Vice President

D. The Secretary of State

**\_\_\_\_\_34. Who has the power to veto bills?**

A. The President

B. The Vice President

C. The Speaker of the House

D. All of the Above

**\_\_\_\_\_35. What does the President’s Cabinet do?**

A. they write bills and legislation.

B. they answer questions at press

conferences and public

engagements.

C. they advise the President.

D. they organize fundraising events and

take favorability polls for the

President.

**36. Name any two (2) Cabinet-level positions in the executive branch of government:**

36A. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

36B. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**\_\_\_\_\_37. What does the judicial branch do?**

A. review laws for constitutionality.

B. execute the laws; enforce them.

C. create the laws.

D. rewrite the laws through judicial

review.

**\_\_\_\_\_38. What is the highest court in the United States?**

A. The US Court of Appeals

B. Federal District Court

C. The Supreme Court

D. The World Court

**\_\_\_\_\_39. How many justices are there on the Supreme Court of the United States?**

A. 5

B. 7

C. 9

D. 3

**\_\_\_\_\_40. Who is the current Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court?**

A. Antonin Scalia

B. Ruth Bader-Ginsburg

C. Clarence Thomas

D. John Roberts

**\_\_\_\_\_41. Under our Constitution, some powers belong to the federal government. What is one power of the federal government listed below?**

A. the power to issue drivers licenses.

B. the power to declare war

C. the power to create local schools

D. the power to remove state

governors.

**\_\_\_\_\_42. Under the Constitution, some powers are reserved to the states. What is one power of the states?**

A. the power to provide schooling and

education.

B. the power to declare war

C. the power to regulate interstate

trade.

D. the power to coin money

**\_\_\_\_\_43. Who is the governor of Virginia?**

A. Bob McDonnell

B. Douglas Wilder

C. Tim Kaine

D. Terry McAuliffe

**\_\_\_\_\_44. What is the capital of Virginia?**

A. Fredericksburg

B. Richmond

C. Roanoke

D. Arlington

**\_\_\_\_\_45. What are the two major political parties in the United States today?**

A. Conservative and Labour

B. Republican and Democrat

C. Whig and Democrat

D. Socialist and Green

**\_\_\_\_\_46. President Barack Obama is a member of this political party:**

A. Republican

B. Democrat

C. Libertarian

D. Socialist

**\_\_\_\_\_47. What is the name of the Speaker of the House of Representatives now?**

A. Tip O’Neal

B. John Boehner

C. James Wright

D. Bobby Scott

**\_\_\_\_\_48. Which of these amendments expands the right to vote in America?**

A. 15th Amendment

B. 22nd Amendment

C. 18th Amendment

D. 27th Amendment

**\_\_\_\_\_49. What is one responsibility that only American citizens are allowed to participate in?**

A. working a job

B. paying income tax

C. serving on a federal jury

D. serving in the US military

**\_\_\_\_\_50. Which of these rights is reserved for United States citizens only?**

A. voting in federal elections.

B. working for the US government.

C. serving in the US military.

D. the right to marry

**51. Identify any two (2) rights of everyone living in the United States:**

51A. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

51B. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**\_\_\_\_\_52. What do we show loyalty to when we say the Pledge of Allegiance?**

A. the United States and its flag

B. the political party of the President.

C. the Christian God.

D. the United States armed forces.

**\_\_\_\_\_53. When you become a United States Citizen, what must you promise to do?**

A. defend the Constitution.

B. obey the laws of the United States.

C. serve in the military if necessary.

D. be loyal to the United States alone.

E. all of the above

**\_\_\_\_\_54. How old to citizens have to be in order to vote for President?**

A. 16

B. 18

C. 21

D. 35

**55. List any two (2) ways that a American can participate in their democracy.**

55A. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

55B. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**56. When is the last day you can send in federal income tax forms?**

A. December 31st, the next tax year.

B. April 15th, the next tax year.

C. May 1st, the next tax year.

D. January 15th, the next tax year.

**\_\_\_\_\_57. At what age must all men register for Selective Service?**

A. 16 years old

B. 18 years old

C. 21 years old

D. 35 years old

**58. Provide one reason the colonists came to America in the 17th Century:**

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**59. Identify the group of people who lived in America before any Europeans arrived:**

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**60. What group of people were taken to America against their will and enslaved?**

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**61. Provide any three (3) reasons that the American colonists fought the British for independence.**

61A. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

61B. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

61C. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**\_\_\_\_\_62. Who was the author of the *Declaration of Independence*?**

A. Ben Franklin

B. Thomas Jefferson

C. James Madison

D. John Dickenson

**\_\_\_\_\_63. On what date was the *Declaration of Independence* adopted?**

A. January 1, 1777

B. July 4th, 1776

C. September 17th, 1788

D. December 7th, 1941

**\_\_\_\_64. Which of the following states *WERE NOT* a part of the original 13 states?**

A. New York and Pennsylvania

B. Georgia and Rhode Island

C. Virginia and Connecticut

D. Vermont and Kentucky

E. Maryland and North Carolina

**\_\_\_\_\_65. What document was produced at the Constitutional Convention?**

A. The Articles of Confederation

B. The Bill of Rights

C. The Constitution

D. The Albany Plan of Union.

**\_\_\_\_\_66. In what year was the United States Constitution written?**

A. 1776 B. 1781

C. 1787 D. 1788

**\_\_\_\_\_67. Identify any one of the writers of the *Federalist Papers*:**

A. Alexander Hamilton

B. George Washington

C. James Madison

D. George Mason

E. John Jay

F. Elbridge Gerry

**One of the United States Founding Fathers:**

1. An American diplomat to England and France.

2. The eldest member of the Constitutional Convention.

3. First Postmaster General of the United States.

4. The author of *Poor Richard’s Almanac*.

5. He started America’s first free libraries

**\_\_\_\_\_68. Which American is described by all of the statements in the textbox above?**

A. George Washington

B. Thomas Jefferson

C. Benjamin Franklin

D. James Madison

**\_\_\_\_\_69. Which man is known as “The Father of Our Country?”**

A. Abraham Lincoln

B. George Washington

C. Thomas Jefferson

D. James Madison

**\_\_\_\_\_70. The first President of the United States of America was –**

A. George Washington

B. Thomas Jefferson

C. John Hancock

D. George Mason

**\_\_\_\_\_71. What territory did the United States buy from France in 1803?**

A. Louisiana Territory

B. The Oregon Country

C. Texas

D. The Ohio River Valley

**\_\_\_\_\_72. Which of these wars *WAS NOT* fought during the 19th Century (the 1800s)?**

A. The Mexican-American War

B. The Spanish-American War

C. World War I

D. The Civil War

**\_\_\_\_\_73. Name the U.S. war between the North and South –**

A. The War of Northern Aggression

B. The Southern War for Independence

C. The Civil War

D. The Revolutionary War

**\_\_\_\_\_74. Which of the following *WAS NOT* a reason for the Civil War?**

A. Slavery

B. States Rights

C. Economic Reasons

D. Impressment of Sailors

**\_\_\_\_\_75. Which of the following *WAS NOT* an important thing that Abraham Lincoln did?**

A. He freed enslaved people.

B. He preserved the Union.

C. He wrote the Gettysburg Address.

D. He gave black men the right to vote.

**\_\_\_\_\_76. What did the *Emancipation Proclamation* do?**

A. It gave women suffrage rights.

B. It freed slaves in Confederate states.

C. It declared war on the South.

D. It ended racial segregation.

**\_\_\_\_\_77. What did Susan B. Anthony do?**

A. She was an abolitionist.

B. She fought for woman’s rights.

C. She fought for Prohibition.

D. She founded a woman’s college.

**\_\_\_\_\_78. Which of the following *IS NOT* a war fought by the United States during the 20th Century, or the 1900s?**

A. World War I

B. World War II

C. The Korean War

D. The War in Afghanistan

E. The Vietnam War

**\_\_\_\_\_79. Who was President in World War I?**

A. Theodore Roosevelt

B. Woodrow Wilson

C. Warren G. Harding

D. Lyndon B. Johnson

**\_\_\_\_\_80. Who was the President during the Great Depression and World War II?**

A. Theodore Roosevelt

B. Harry Truman

C. Franklin Delano Roosevelt

D. Dwight Eisenhower

**\_\_\_\_\_81. Which nations did the United States fight against in World War II?**

A. Germany, Austria-Hungary, Turkey

B. The Soviet Union, Poland, Hungary

C. Germany, Italy, Japan

D. Iran, North Korea, Afghanistan

**\_\_\_\_\_82. Before he was President, Eisenhower was a general in which war?**

A. The Korean War

B. World War II

C. The Cold War

D. The Vietnam War

**\_\_\_\_\_83. During the Cold War, what was the main concern of the United States?**

A. anarchists

B. Islamic fundamentalist terrorism

C. communism

D. the Holocaust

**\_\_\_\_\_84. Who was the main leader of the movement among African-Americans for Civil Rights in the 1950s and 1960s?**

A. Marcus Garvey

B. Martin Luther King, Jr.

C. Stokely Carmichael

D. Booker T. Washington

**\_\_\_\_\_85. The movement to bring an end to segregation, discrimination, and racial injustice in American is known as -** A. The Civil Rights Movement

B. The Cold War

C. The Red Scare

D. The Black Power Movement

**\_\_\_\_\_86. What major event took place on September 11, 2001?**

A. a series of terrorist attacks

B. a subway bombing

C. a hurricane struck New Orleans

D. a treaty to end the Cold War

**87. Name any one of the federally recognized Native American tribes in the United States of America:**

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**\_\_\_\_\_88. Which are the two longest river systems in the United States of America?**

A. The Rio Grand and Colorado Rivers

B. The Ohio and Tennessee Rivers

C. The Columbia and Snake Rivers

D. The Mississippi and Missouri Rivers

**\_\_\_\_\_89. Which ocean is on the West Coast of the United States?**

A. Atlantic B. Pacific

**\_\_\_\_\_90. Which ocean is on the East Coast of the United States – and Virginia?**

A. Atlantic B. Pacific

**91. Name any one (1)of the five US Territories.**

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**92. Name two (2) states bordering Canada.**

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**93. Name three (3) states bordering Mexico.**

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**94. What is the capital of the United States?**

A. New York B. Washington, DC

C. Philadelphia D. Boston

**\_\_\_\_\_95. Where is the Statue of Liberty?**

A. New York Harbor

B. San Francisco Bay

C. Philadelphia

D. Washington, DC

**96. What is symbolized by the thirteen stripes on the American flag?**

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**97. Why does the American flag have 50 stars?**

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**\_\_\_\_\_98. What song is the National Anthem?**

A. The Star-Spangled Banner

B. America the Beautiful

C. By Country ‘Tis of Thee

D. Born in the USA

\_\_\_\_\_99. What date is Independence Day?

A. July 4th B. December 7th

C. June 6th D. September 11th

**100. Name any two (2) federal holidays celebrated in the United States.**

100A. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

100B. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_